

30 August 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Central Reference

FROM: Assistant Director for Basic Intelligence

SUBJECT: Agency Survey of Consumer Requirements to  
Establish Priority for Film and Photographic  
Support

REFERENCE: Memorandum from Assistant Director for  
Central Reference, Same Subject, 20 August 1956

1. OBI draws upon the Graphics Register for photographic support in connection with the production of the National Intelligence Survey. As you know, the NIS contains basic intelligence on all strategic intelligence topics on a world-wide basis. Because NIS production proceeds simultaneously on all areas and all topics, in accordance with production capabilities of the NIS contributing agencies, it is infeasible for OBI to assign priorities for photographic support in terms of certain areas or of selected subjects. Occasionally, world events require priority production of certain NIS elements, the most recent example being the NIS on Antarctica produced in response to U.S. participation in the International Geophysical Year program. The ad hoc nature of these production requirements, however, precludes establishing meaningful, long-term requirements for their photographic support.

2. The Chief of the Graphics Register and his staff have given us unfailing support in filling OBI's photographic requirements. They have expended much imagination and effort in procuring appropriate photography on a wide variety of areas and subjects, and we would like to take this opportunity to extend appreciation for their excellent services.

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